Supplementary data



Supplementary Figure S1. Overexpression of JcGA20ox1 in *J. curcas* promotes lateral bud outgrowth. (*A*) Phylogenetic analysis of JcGA20ox1 and its homologues from *Arabidopsis thaliana* (AtGA20ox1), *Ricinus communis* (RsGA20ox1), *Vitis vinifera* (VvGA20ox1), and *Oryza sativa* (OsGA20ox1 and OsGA20ox2). The scale represents 0.1 amino acid substitutions per site. (*B*) RT-PCR test for identification of positive transgenic lines. *JcGAPDH* is shown as control. (*C*) Control and transgenic plants overexpressing *JcGA20ox1* three months after grafting. Bars = 5 cm. (*D*) Overexpression of *JcGA20ox1* led to lateral bud outgrowth. Bars = 1 cm. (*E*) Transgenic plants in the field exhibited enhanced branching. (*B*) to (*E*): C indicates control plants, and the numbers indicate transgenic lines 6, 7, 12, 20, 26, and 28, respectively. The red arrows indicate the stimulated axillary buds.



Supplementary Figure S2. Bud outgrowth in pea is significantly promoted by BA not GA treatment. (A and B) Outgrowth of lateral buds at node 3 was significantly affected by treatment with BA (100 μ M), but not GA₃ (100 μ M) or its biosynthesis inhibitor PAC (100 μ M). Photos and data were taken at 5 days after treatment. (C) The BA-mediated increase in outgrowth of lateral buds at node 2 is not affected by co-application of PAC. Data were taken at 4 days after treatment. Two-week-old pea seedlings were used for all treatment in (A-C). In (B) and (C), values are means ± SE (n = 15). Student's *t*-test was used to determine significant differences between the indicated groups. NS indicates no significant difference.



Supplementary Figure S3. Expression of *JcBRC1* and *JcBRC2* was not significantly affected by a 12-h GR24 (50 μ M) treatment at node 1 of three-week-old *J. curcas* seedlings. *JcGAPDH* was used as the internal reference. Values are means ± SE (n = 3). Student's *t*-test (p value < 0.05) was used to determine significant differences between the treated and control groups. NS indicates no significant difference.



Supplementary Figure S4. GA₃ treatment did not promote the lateral bud outgrowth in *Bischofia javanica, Cassia nodosa, Glochidion eriocarpum* and *Elaeocarpus balansae*. Photos were taken one week after treatment. Bars = 1 cm.



Supplementary Figure S5. Effects of GA₃, BA and decapitation on the expression of *JcIPT*s at node 1. The expression of *J. curcas* homologues of *Arabidopsis IPT5* (A), *IPT2*, *IPT7*, *IPT8*, and *IPT9* (B) was analyzed six hours after GA₃ (500 μ M), BA (500 μ M) or decapitation treatment. Values are means \pm SE (n = 3). *JcGAPDH* was used as the internal reference.



Control

GA3+BA treatment at node 0

GA3+BA treatment at node 1

Supplementary Figure S6. Outgrowth of lateral buds inhibited the growth of apical buds. The outgrowth of lateral buds at node 0 (B) and node 1 (C) of three-week-old *J. curcas* seedlings was promoted by co-application with GA₃ and BA (200 μ M each), which retarded the growth of apical buds. Photos were taken two weeks after treatment. Bars = 1 cm.

| Primer | Primer sequence | Gene | Experiment |
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| name | • | | • - |
| XK918 | 5' GGAGAGAGCCAAGGAGAAAGAGA 3' | JcBRC1 | qPCR |
| XK919 | 5' GTAGCAGCAGTGTGATGGTTGT 3' | | |
| XK958 | 5' GAATGAGATTATCGCTCCGAATTGCTA 3' | JcBRC2 | qPCR |
| XK959 | 5' ACATTGCTTCACTCTTGGAACACTATC 3' | | |
| XA275 | 5' TGAACCCAAGCAAGTCCACCTCT 3' | JcCCD7 | qPCR |
| XA276 | 5' GCAGCAGCCACATCTGTGAAGT 3' | | |
| XA277 | 5' AAGTTGGAGGCAGCATTGGACC 3' | JcCCD8 | qPCR |
| XA278 | 5' AAGAGGTTCAGAAGGCACAGCAC 3' | | |
| XK471 | 5' CGGGATCCTTGATCTTCCTTTACCTAATGAATC 3' | JcGA20ox-1 | CDS |
| XK472 | 5' AACTGCAGGGTTAACAGTGACATTATTATTAC 3' | | amplification |
| XA239 | 5' ACTTGGCGAACACTGTGGATATGC 3' | JcGA20ox-1 | qPCR |
| XA240 | 5' ATTGCTCATCACCTCACTGTACTCCT 3' | | |
| XT960 | 5' TGAAGGACTGGAGAGGTGGAAGAGC 3' | JcGAPDH | qPCR |
| XT961 | 5' ATCAACAGTTGGAACACGGAAAGCC 3' | | |
| XA279 | 5' AGTGGTCGGTTAGATGAGATTGTAGC 3' | JcMAX1 | qPCR |
| XA280 | 5' TGTGAACGCTGTTGTCGCTGAC 3' | | |
| XA235 | 5' GAGACGAGACGCTGCTTGCTATTG 3' | JcMAX2 | qPCR |
| XA236 | 5' CCTACAACACTGATCCGAGCATCCT 3' | | |
| XT836 | 5' CCAATACCACCTCCTCgCCAC 3' | JcIPT2 | qPCR |
| XT837 | 5' gACCCAACATCAAgACCACgg 3' | | |
| XT834 | 5' ggCATCAAgCCTCggACTCTg 3' | JcIPT5 | qPCR |
| XT835 | 5' AggCAATgACACATCCACCCA 3' | | |
| XT846 | 5' TCAgTTCCACTCCCATTACATTT 3' | JcIPT7 | qPCR |
| XT847 | 5' TgATTTACCACACCCAgTTgCTC 3' | | |
| XT838 | 5' CAgAgTTCTTCAggAAgCAATACgC 3' | JcIPT8 | qPCR |
| XT839 | 5' ggCTgTCAAACTgTAAAgAAACCg 3' | | |
| XT977 | 5' ATTCAggCTCTggTgAgTCCATTCC 3' | JcIPT9 | qPCR |
| XT978 | 5' TTCCACCATACTCAggCgTCTCA 3' | | |

Supplementary Table S1. List of primers used in this study